



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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For: **EXHAUST GAS PURIFIER**

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Examiner: **Smith, Duane**

Docket No. 821403-1010

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed *July 7, 2003* (Paper No. 8) has been carefully considered. Claims 1-10 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.